

# FORWARD MARCH!



The U.S. Army Military District of Washington

Welcome to the **U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW)**, guardian of our nation's capital!

There are many different kinds of jobs in the Army. At the Military District of Washington, our soldiers have many important responsibilities. First, MDW helps keep you and our country safe during crises and natural disasters in the nation's capital. On September 11, 2001, MDW's **soldiers** were the first to arrive at the Pentagon to help our fellow Americans.

Second, MDW supports other Army and **Department of Defense** organizations. For example, we operate **Arlington National Cemetery**, one of our nation's most sacred places. Maybe you have already been to the cemetery. Each year more than four million people come to pay respects to the more than 275,000 people buried there.

Finally, we host **ceremonies** on behalf of our nation's leaders. At these ceremonies you may have danced to the beat of **The U.S. Army Band**, or held your breath when a member of **The U.S. Army Drill Team** tossed his or her rifle in the air, or marched to the tunes of **The Fife and Drum Corps**!

Some of our soldiers serve in **The 3rd U.S. Infantry**, also known as **The Old Guard**. If you were a soldier in The Old Guard, you would wear a very special **Dress Blues** uniform and partici-

pate in ceremonies at the White House, the Pentagon and national memorials all over our country.

If you were an Old Guard soldier you could be guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Soldiers guard the Tomb 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Many important people visit the Tomb to lay wreaths and remember soldiers who died serving our country. Or, you could be a soldier in the **Salute Gun Battery**, firing cannons into the sky

to honor kings and presidents visiting us from other countries. Picture yourself as a member of the U.S. Army Drill Team, thrilling audiences by tossing your rifle and catching it perfectly in sync with the rest of the team. Try flying one of the 12th Aviation Battalion's helicopters, or becoming a member of the **Military Police**, making sure that everyone in your community is safe. The choice is yours!

You can see these soldiers by attending any of our events throughout the year.

**Spirit of America** is a musical show that features **The Caisson Platoon**, **The Commander-in-Chief's Guard (CINC)**, The Fife and Drum Corps, The U.S. Army Band, and the U.S. Army Drill Team. Spirit of America takes place in September at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

Twilight Tattoo is a fun, one-hour outdoor  
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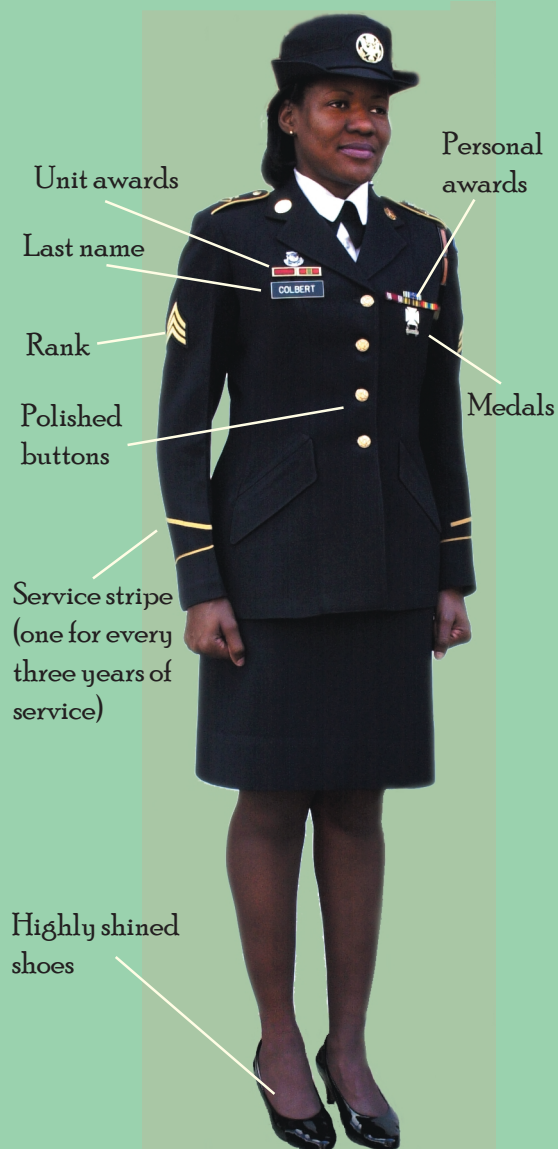
U.S. Army Drill Team

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# ARMY UNIFORM



Soldiers wear many different uniforms. They have uniforms for going out in the woods, for the cold, and even to introduce the president of the United States. The **Dress Blues** uniform shown here is one of the most ceremonial.

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performance featuring The Old Guard and The U.S. Army Band. It is held on the Ellipse, near the White House, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning in late spring and continuing through the summer.

Our headquarters is at **Fort Leslie J. McNair** in Washington, D.C. We are located near many of our country's best-known monuments, including the Washington Monument, the U.S. Capitol and the Smithsonian museums.

Learn more about us by visiting our Web site at [www.mdw.army.mil](http://www.mdw.army.mil).

## MDW WORD SEARCH

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Caisson Platoon  
Tomb Guard  
Fort McNair  
CINC Guard  
Military  
Veterans  
The Old Guard  
Military Police

Fort Myer  
Command  
U.S. Army Band  
Headquarters  
Drill Team  
U.S. Army  
Soldier  
Fife and Drum Corps

Hint: Be sure to look upside down, backwards and diagonal!!



# The best of the best

## The U.S. Army Drill Team

**I**magine waking up in the morning to discover that you are a member of the U.S. Army Drill Team, one of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's 3rd U.S. Infantry's specialty units. You spend your days training with 10-pound rifles, performing for the President and other heads-of-state, and participating in hundreds of events across the country. You are part of a close group of soldiers that has been thrilling crowds of all ages for more than 45 years.

### THE TRAINING NEVER ENDS

It is not easy to become a member of the Drill Team. You must be a member of The Old Guard for six months before you can volunteer to try-out for a place on the Drill Team. Once you are selected, the training never ends. An average day of practice starts at 5:30 in the morning and ends at 7 at night. All of the members of the Drill Team have gone through special training and have proven their strength and skill handling the rifle.

### AN AMAZING SHOW

All year long, the Drill Team wows audiences with their daring moves. The weapons are real and are very heavy. Despite these challenges, the Drill Team works together to stay in time and

perform each move with perfection.

One of the most exciting moves is the "Front-to-Rear Overhead Rifle Toss." During this routine, soldiers in the front row toss their rifles 15 feet into the air and 15 feet to the back, where the soldiers in the last row catch the spinning weapons with one hand. The routine takes a lot of discipline and concentration and always wins loud applause.

### IN THE CAPITAL AND BEYOND

The Drill Team usually performs in Washington, D.C. However, they also fly across the country to dazzle people at high schools, colleges, community events and half-time shows. The Drill Team traveled to far-off states like Hawaii, Alaska and Texas, and even as far as Australia.

You and your friends can catch the U.S. Army Drill Team perform at this year's Spirit of America and at Twilight Tattoo every Wednesday night beginning in late spring and continuing through the summer.





# JUST FOR FUN !

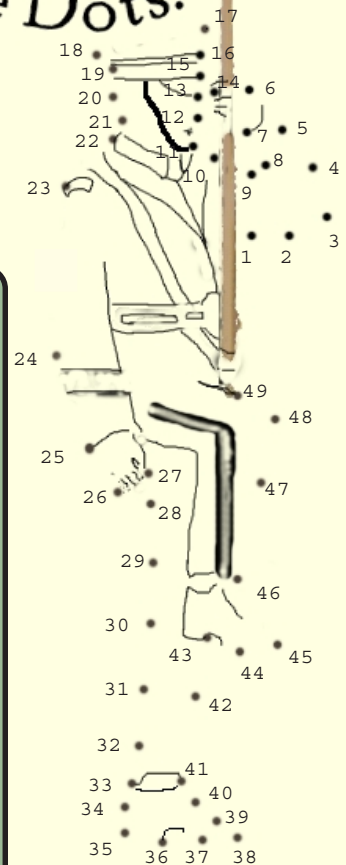
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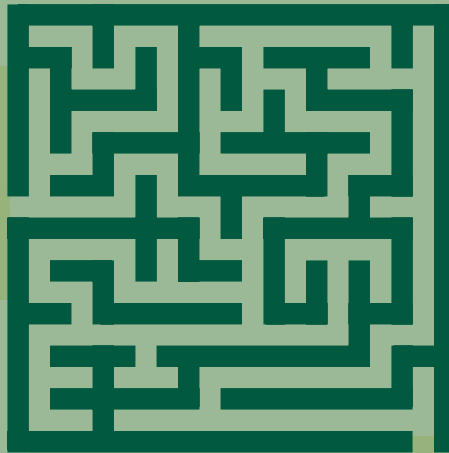
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